

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A first electrode 14 provided in a liquid crystal display device of a vertical alignment mode includes, for each picture element region, a lower conductive layer 11, a dielectric layer 12 covering the lower conductive layer 11, and an upper conductive layer 13 provided on one side of the dielectric layer 12 which is closer to a liquid crystal layer 30. The upper conductive layer 13 includes an upper layer opening 13a, and the lower conductive layer 11 includes a lower layer opening 11a, thus forming first, second and third regions (R1, R2, R3) having gradually decreasing electric field strengths. Liquid crystal molecules 30a of the liquid crystal layer 30 in an orientation-regulating region T1 in which the first, second and third regions are arranged in this order in a predetermined direction change the orientation direction thereof so that they are inclined in a single direction in the presence of an applied voltage.